

# BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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BARROW COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
P.O. BOX 1054              WINDER, GA 30680-1054

**MEETINGS**

**Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., June 18                      7:30 PM**  
**@ Winder Woman’s Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)**  
Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., July 2                      7:00 PM  
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., July 3                      6:00 PM  
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., July 5                      7:00 PM  
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., July 10                      7:00 PM  
County Commission Meeting – Tue., July 10                      7:00 PM  
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., July 17                      7:00 PM  
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., July 19                      7:00 PM  
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., July 19                      7:00 PM  
County Commission Meeting – Tue., July 24                      7:00 PM

**VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (29)**

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Bill Sailors
Larry Ballard – 1 <sup>st</sup> V.C.	Clay Pentecost	Teeny Hang
Ray Newman – 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.C.	Jimmy Lomax	Will Dunn
Deborah Golder – Sec.	Terry England	Phil Foil
Clay Kelley – Tr.	Mike Pentecost	Cal Neff
Bob Lanham – Asst. Tr.	John Reavis	June Miller
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Ellen Reed
Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger	Don Lloyd
Michael Howington	Judy Doorn	Pat Graham
DuWayne Anderson	Shane Coley	

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C.C. Dist. 3 Rep.		
C.C. Dist. 4 Rep.	Dan Blechinger	770-868-1211
C.C. Dist. 5 Rep.	Ellen Reed	770-337-5184
C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Reg. \$ 15, Adv. \$ 25, Barrow 100 \$ 100, Barrow 360 \$ 360

**ALL LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP YEARLY. THANKS!**

##### 7:30 PM #####  
##### June 18, 2012 #####

STATE SEN. FRANK GINN, DISTRICT 47  
RODNEY UPTON FOR STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 114

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**MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON** (as of 5/31/12)

Membership	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Regular	26	15	24	51	<b>56</b>	48	46	44	39
Advanced	74	55	50	61	<b>75</b>	68	58	59	67
Barrow 100	10	9	11	11	13	<b>17</b>	16	<b>17</b>	10
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Students									4
Total	110	79	85	123	<b>144</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	121
Renewals	83	73	72	73	106	<b>113</b>	105	112	96
New	27	6	13	<b>50</b>	38	21	16	9	25

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[www.barrowgop.org](http://www.barrowgop.org)

**2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!**

“Liberal Republican Olympia Snowe announced that she would not run for reelection to her Maine Senate seat. She coupled the announcement with a lament for the loss of virtues such as compromise and civility. Civility is a good thing, and compromise can be. But we cannot resist pointing out that it is easy to be civil about, and compromise on, principles that one does not have.” *(National Review)*

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**LOWER TAXES \*\*\*\*\* LESS GOVERNMENT**  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>June 18 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>June 25 (Mon)</b>	<b>Winder Candidate Forum</b>
<b>July 9 (Mon)</b>	<b>Auburn Candidate Forum</b>
<b>July 16 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>July 19 (Thur)</b>	<b>Statham Candidate Forum</b>
<b>Aug 18 (Sat)</b>	<b>Annual Barrow GOP BBQ</b>
<b>Aug 20 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Sept 7-8 (Fri/Sat)</b>	<b>Winder Jug Tavern Festival</b>
<b>Sept 15 (Sat)</b>	<b>Statham Sunflower festival</b>
<b>Sept 17 (Mon)</b>	Monthly Meeting

**LOOKING AHEAD**

George H.W. Bush Birthday – June 12 (Tue)  
Flag Day – June 14 (Thur)  
Independence Day – July 4 (Wed)  
Calvin Coolidge Birthday – July 4 (Wed)  
First Official Meeting of the Republican Party – July 6 (Fri)  
George W. Bush Birthday – July 6 (Wed)  
Gerald Ford Birthday – July 14 (Sat)  
National Korean War Vets Armistice Day – July 27 (Fri)

**2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Shirley Segars	Rick Rosser	Mary Rosser
Robert Wimberly	Ben Hendrix	Doug Garrison
Joan Zellner	Ron Wall	Gloria Wall
Belen Rubio	Bill Bramlett	David Crosby
Rickey Bailey	Ron Griffith	

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Tom Kirby	Frank Nocera	Joe Goodman
Jerry Lamm	Garey Huff	Kenny Shook
Phil Thornton	Doug Johnson	

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**2011 – 2013 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS**

Bethlehem Community Center	Jimmy Lomax
County Line Fire Dept.	Terry England
Bramlett Elementary	John Stevens
Westside Middle School	Linda Blechinger
Statham Fire Dept.	Mike Pentecost
Winder-Barrow High School	Bill Sailors
Holsenbeck Elementary	John Reavis
Lions Club	Terry Raber
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Robert Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Auburn Fire Dept.	Ellen Reed
Winder Community Center	Scott Hang
Cedar Creek Baptist Church	Will Dunn
County Line Elementary	June Miller
Bethlehem First Baptist Church	Cal Neff

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**LOOKING FOR BBQ SPONSORS!**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012 - 5:00 PM**

**REAGAN LEVEL (\$ 500.00)**

Space for sponsor banner/sign (provided by sponsor)  
10 Tickets, reserved Table, Recognition at the BBQ

**PATRIOT LEVEL (\$ 250.00)**

6 Tickets, Reserved Table, Recognition at the BBQ

**LIBERTY LEVEL (\$ 100.00)**

2 Tickets, Recognition at the BBQ

**CALL 770.867.5748 or email: [kenyoung276@hotmail.com](mailto:kenyoung276@hotmail.com)  
for more information**

**WE NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO HELP  
FIND BBQ SPONSORS!!!**

**FROM THE CHAIR**

If you haven't sent it in, we need your 2012 membership renewal as soon as possible. You can bring your check, cash, or money order to our next monthly meeting, mail it to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or use our **on-line payment option** on our web site as soon as possible. Thanks for your continued support!

At the State Convention in Columbus in May, 15 of our 19 delegates attended, along with 5 of our 19 alternates. We upgraded 4 alternates to achieve 100 % voting strength. We survived a long demanding day on Saturday. Randy Evans was elected to his first 4-year term as National Committeeman, and Linda Herren was re-elected to her third and final 4-year term as National Committeewoman. 31 at-large national delegates and 31 at-large national alternates were elected to complete the GAGOP delegation of 76 to the National Convention in Florida later this year. I appreciate the sacrifice of time and money spent by all who attended the State Convention to represent Barrow County Republicans.

The local candidate qualifying period was only 2 ½ days this year. 19 Republicans signed up for the **July 31** GOP Primary Election. Many thanks to Deb Golder, Ray Newman, and Clay Kelley for their help with processing and updating. The dates for our Candidate Forums are on the front page of this newsletter, and more information may be found on the "Events" page of our web site.

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. Regina Quick, candidate for new State House District 117 (Statham area), and State Rep. Tom Kirby, candidate for new State House District 114 (AHS area) addressed the group. We heard a report on the State Convention, approved non-binding questions for the **July 31** primary ballot, and approved a contribution to the UGA College Republicans.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, **June 18, 2012** at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. Our guest speakers will be our State Sen. Frank Ginn, candidate for new State Senate District 47 (all of Barrow), and Rodney Upton, candidate for new State House District 114 (AHS area). Be prepared in advance for your questions, and we will get in as many as time allows. We will also be considering some local rule changes. **Please see the next page for those proposals!** Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time. Make plans now to attend!

Ken Young

**ADDITIONAL LINKS**

"Crony Capitalism? Thanks, Big Government" – Bill Frezza – *Forbes* – 12/19/2011

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/billfrezza/2011/11/15/crony-capitalism-the-inevitable-outcome-of-overreaching-go>

"Who's Really Conservative?" – Alfred S. Regnery – *The American Spectator* – 2/13/2012

<http://spectator.org/archives/2012/02/04/whos-really-conservative>

"Solyndras in The Classroom" – Louis Woodhill – *Forbes* – 2/13/2012

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/louiswoodhill/2012/02/15/solyndras-in-the-classroom-how-we-vastly-overrat>

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**  
**UNDER CONSIDERATION ON JUNE 18, 2012**

**SECTION III ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE**

The officers and members of the County Committee shall be elected at the odd-year County Convention and shall serve for two (2) years, or until the time of the next odd-year County Convention, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these rules. If an officer or member moves out of the county, that person shall be considered to have resigned effective the day of moving.

If any such member of the Executive Committee qualifies to run in an opposed primary for public office, such member shall be deemed to have resigned such office on the date of qualification. Any Executive Committee member who qualifies as a candidate for elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. If any member qualifies as a candidate for elected office as a candidate of any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions in the Republican Party. If a member shall publicly support a candidate in opposition to the official Republican nominee in a general election, that member shall be considered removed from Party position effective the date of public support.

**SECTION V REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE**

Any officer of the County Committee may be removed from office for "cause" by a vote of two-thirds of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee provided, however, that such individuals be given at least thirty (30) days actual notice of such meeting, and of the grounds therefore, and is given an opportunity to be present, to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice. "Cause" as used herein shall include continued failure to perform his or her duties or participate in the affairs of the Party, or conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Party, all as may be determined by the aforesaid vote of the County Committee. Failure to appear at the hearing shall be "cause" for immediate removal.

A member can be removed from the County Committee for either "cause" or excessive absenteeism. "Cause" is defined and handled as state above. Excessive absenteeism is defined as missing four (4) consecutive regular monthly meetings without reasonable cause. Said member will then receive actual notice before the next regular monthly meeting, at which time, said member may request reinstatement. Reinstatement may be granted by a majority vote of the quorum present of the County Committee.

By a two-thirds vote of a quorum, the County Committee may remove any paid member from membership, if that member publicly supports a candidate in opposition to the official Republican nominee in a general election.

**PROPOSED CHANGE** – delete last paragraph of V.

**Last sentence of Section III will cover this situation.**

**SECTION IV BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

**COUNTY CHAIRPERSON**

Duties and Functions:

- e. Sets the goals and budget each year.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

- e. Represents the Party on the 10<sup>th</sup> District GOP Committee.

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**Iranian Dissidents Face Obama-Made Holocaust**

Tom Tancredo, *Human Events*, week of 12/26/11

If you are having trouble understanding Obama's Iran policy, you are not alone. But for the 3,400 Iranian dissidents living at Camp Ashraf, Obama's Iran policy is more than confounding, it is a death sentence.

Obama's Iran policies are leading to a highly preventable holocaust for the residents of Camp Ashraf, located just north of Bagdad in northern Iraq. The Iranian dissidents living in the camp face imminent attack and a death march to an Iranian prison. Now that the U.S. has ended its active military presence in Iraq, the fate of these unarmed dissidents will be in the hands of the Iraqi government, which wants only to appease its dangerous neighbor to the east.

These dissidents cannot be admitted to the U.S. as refugees because Obama's State Department insists on labeling them "terrorists." Meanwhile, the real terrorists running the government in Tehran laugh at our inept attempts to persuade them to abandon their nuclear weapons program.

The State Department's indifference to the fate of these Iranian dissidents precedes the Obama Administration. It is rooted in the State Department's 30-year courtship of non-existent "moderates" in the Iranian government, the same phantom moderates who have failed to influence the government to abandon the quest for nuclear weapons – and missiles that can deliver those weapons anywhere in the world.

The unarmed Iranian dissidents in Camp Ashraf, have not had the protection of the U.S. Army since January of 2009, and now, even the potential of U.S. Army intervention will be missing.

The threat of violence against the camp is not hypothetical. Over the past three years, Iraqi forces have twice attacked the camp, killing many and wounding hundreds, including women and children. The jihadist mullahs running the totalitarian regime in Iran demand the camp be closed and the dissidents returned to Iran, where they face certain imprisonment, torture and death.

Why are the dissidents not allowed to leave the camp and be welcomed as refugees in the United States? Because our State Department will not remove their parent organization, the M.E.K., from its list of terrorist organizations. The M.E.K. was put on the list as part of a "deal," a precondition demanded by Iran in order for the U.S. to maintain unofficial but open channels of diplomacy with the mullahs. To put it charitably, the deal has not exactly worked out to U.S. advantage. Yet, the State Department obstinately refuses to admit the mistake or to change its policy toward the M.E.K.

Both the UK and the European Union have dropped the terrorist label for the M.E.K. Recently, a U.S. Court of Appeals heard all the evidence presented by the State Department for the terrorist designation and rejected that determination. The court said, in effect, unless you have better evidence, there is no basis for the continued listing of the M.E.K. as a terrorist group. Thus far, the State Department has ignored the court's admonition.

Even the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq has criticized the Iraqi treatment of the dissidents at Camp Ashraf and has asked the Iraqi government to "show flexibility" and cooperate with the resettlement of the dissidents in a safe manner. Yet, the government in Baghdad continues to make threats and refuses to guarantee the safety of the camp's residents – residents who gave up all of their arms in 2003 in exchange for the U.S. promise of protection.

The failure of the U.S. State Department to resolve the Camp Ashraf matter in a humane manner as part of the disengagement agreement with Iraq borders on criminal negligence: The neglect of the issue has been a matter of policy.

By sitting on its hands and clinging to the outdated and non-sensical "terrorist" designation for the M.E.K., Obama and Secretary of State Clinton are tacitly signing a death warrant for the 3,400 unarmed civilians Iranian dissidents who support democratic reform in Iran if given the opportunity.

This lack of commitment to the safety of the residents of Camp Ashraf is evidence not of incompetence, nor of indifference. It is further evidence of Obama's policy of appeasement. To make a fuss about these 3,400 refugees might anger the mullahs and hence disrupt our "constructive dialogue."

There is no doubt that the tyrants in Tehran are laughing at our stupidity. They see no reason to interrupt their plans for the expanded persecution of all dissidents once they have demonstrated to the world the complete impotence of American policy in the region.

The grim truth of the matter is that if the dissidents in Camp Ashraf are allowed to fall into the hands of the Iranian regime, their blood is on our hands. And by "our hands," I mean not only those of Obama and Clinton and their State Department minions. Their blood will also be on the hands of the U.S. Congress and all leaders who stood by and watched this tragedy unfold.

The taste of blood from Camp Ashraf will further embolden the Tehran tyrants, and will bring the next holocaust one step closer to our shores.

## **HOW TO FLY THE U.S. FLAG**

1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
5. The flag of the U.S. should be at the center and at the highest points of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.